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I have received a handful of emails this week asking for DEQ to conduct 3 hearings on the economic development impacts of the ACP and referencing the attached report. The salutation on these letters are to a mix of the Governor, me, and others. The constituents look to be associated with a group called the Alliance to Protect the People and Places We Live (APPPL), which has been vocal on the ACP since at least last spring.

I typically respond to constituent emails like this with a "Thank you for your input and for sharing the report." I'll go ahead and do the same with these, unless you have concerns.

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Dear Governor Cooper, Directors of Governor's Departments, DENR representatives, and Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General,

I am writing to respectfully request three public hearings, sponsored by

NC DEQ, to address the recent and unsatisfactory economic development concerns, claims, and submissions by the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP). We know that you care about the environment of our State. We have seen this with your courageous stand against off shore drilling. Please continue to care as much about our most vulnerable environment and most vulnerable populations - the indigenous people, the people of color, and so many others in eastern NC who live along the route of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. We strongly urge you to take as strong a stand against the Atlantic Coast Pipeline as you have done with offshore drilling.

Unfortunately, the Atlantic Coast Pipeline chose the worst possible route in the State for its proposed pipeline. ACP considered other routes earlier, but just like our coastal communities that you are protecting, those earlier routes would have taken the pipeline closer to wealthier and less racially diverse communities. The pipeline has used economic development as its major justification, arguing that the pipeline will be a benefit to the people in the 8 counties in its path. But in its thousands of pages of submissions to NC DEQ and others it has failed to provide persuasive data or details to support this claim. (***Please see attached report "ACP Failure to Demonstrate Economic Development Benefit"***)

The NC Department of Environmental Quality has been asking ACP questions about this claim since September and ACP has repeatedly sidestepped the inquiries. I am writing to request that the DEQ immediately hold public hearings in Robeson, Cumberland and Johnston Counties regarding the ACP's economic development claims and submissions. These hearings will enable you, the DEQ, and the Attorney General's office to hear public input about

these important questions and to review it as a part of the 401 Water Quality Permit application.

We respectfully ask that you authorize the Attorney General to IMMEDIATELY direct DEQ to initiate public hearings to address the economic development concerns and other concerns, claims and submissions by the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP).

Sincerely,

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